

August 2014 Newsletter from Executive Councilor Kenney

Representing all the towns and cities in the counties of Coos and Grafton, the unincorporated place of Hale's Location, the towns of Albany, Alton, Andover, Bartlett, Brookfield, Center Harbor, Chatham, Conway, Cornish, Croydon, Danbury, Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Gilford, Grantham, Hart's Location, Hill, Jackson, Madison, Meredith, Middleton, Milton, Moultonborough, New Durham, New Hampton, New London, Newport, Ossipee, Plainfield, Sanbornton, Sandwich, Springfield, Sunapee, Tamworth, Tilton, Tuftonboro, Wakefield, Wilmot, and Wolfeboro, and the cities of Claremont and Laconia

My fifth month on the job as your new Executive Councilor included a two week break as I was on active duty from August 9th to August 23rd with the United State Marine Corps at **Camp Lejuene**, NC. There was one Executive Council meeting in August: August 5th held in Bridgewater, NH at the Newfound Lake Inn. During the summer the Executive Council meetings are held on the road away from Concord. I chose to have my District 1 meeting in Bridgewater at the Inn at Newfound Lake to discuss the topic of Industrial Wind Farms at the breakfast meeting.

Several citizens at the beginning of the Council meetings were recognized for their achievements and volunteer work within the State of New Hampshire.

This month saw me attending several public events, reviewing some infrastructure projects and attending to numerous constituent requests.

August 1 - Attended Wounded Warrior Golf Tournament at **Fort Belvoir**, VA to raise money for wounded Marine veterans.

August 2 - Attended Freedom Parade in **Freedom**, NH.

August 3 - Attended **Wolfeboro** Masonic Lodge breakfast in Wolfeboro, NH and later in the day went to Haverhill, NH for a committee meeting.

August 5 - Attended Governor and Council meeting in **Bridgewater**, NH (District 1). The following people were recognized: Amy Mahoney - Madison (Executive Director, Laura Foundation for Autism and Epilepsy), Lucas Gagne - Franklin (Musical Guest, President of Franklin HS Senior Class of 2014) Jim and Becky Keating - Wakefield (40 year owner of the Poor People's Pub),

Miss Ariana Kaylie Anderson - Windham (Daughter of Leslie Anderson, Burton's 100th Intern, 2014 Miss New Hampshire Preteen National Sweetheart), Bryanna Clark - Newfields (2014 America's National Teenager Scholarship Organization for Gifted Young Women)

Patricia Ramey - Tilton Veteran Home Resident/Vietnam Army Veteran, Anna Jean Munt - Tilton Veteran Home Resident/Vietnam Navy Veteran, Mary Jenness - Bridgewater (RSVP Volunteer), Alida Buckland - Plymouth (RSVP Volunteer).

August 8 - Attended the dedication of the North Country Fire Academy in **Bethlehem** with the Governor of New Hampshire and local State Senator. The Fire Academy was named after the late Executive Councilor, Raymond Burton. Dignitaries included the Commissioner of Safety, John Barthelmes, Director of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services, Deborah Pendergast; State Fire Marshal, Bill Degnan; Bethlehem Fire Chief, Jack Anderson; and Sugar Hill Fire Chief, Allan Clark along with several area Fire Departments. This is a great facility that will be used by all North Country Fire Departments and Public Safety.

August 9/22 - Participated in the Exercise "Heavy Metal" with 25th Marines at **Camp Lejuene**, NC for my annual reserve training with the United State Marine Corps Reserve.

August 9 - **Piermont** celebrated its 250th Anniversary. I sent a letter and representation to acknowledge the Town's historic day.

August 17 - **Landaff** celebrated its 250th Anniversary. I sent a float and letter to acknowledge the Town's historic day.

August 25 - Visited Littleton Regional Healthcare in **Littleton** to meet with Warren West, CEO; Board Chair, Stevan Trooboff and Gail Clark, Director of Marketing & Community Relations, followed by a tour of the Hospital campus. Discussed activities he is involved in within District 1 and Statewide. Suggested that LRH contact me should they need assistance with anything in the future, and I would be willing to help. In the evening, I attended the Laconia Mayor and Aldermen's meeting to give an update with regards to State contracts that Laconia has received over the several past months and to give an overview of the Governor and Council.

August 26 - Attended the dedication of the Wellness North groundbreaking ceremony at Plymouth State University in **Plymouth** with President Sara Jayne Steen and other dignitaries. This building, when it is built, will be a state of art athletic and learning facility for aging and preventive health care.

August 27 - Briefing in **Concord** with Patrick Herlihy, Director of the

Aeronautics, Rail and Transit to discuss the overview of all the District 1 Municipal Airports and future capital projects. Included in the meeting was his staff. Conducted a meeting with constituents at noontime in **Concord** to discuss future judicial appointments.

August 28 - Attended the ceremonial ribbon cutting at 10:00am of the opening for the final segment of Phase 1 Ride the Wilds in **North Stratford** with Governor Hassan and NH OHRV President Harry Brown. Later, I attended the dedication at Lake Umbagog State Park in **Cambridge** with Governor Hassan for the permanent protection of 31, 343 acres of the beautiful and remote, streams, and ponds in the Androscoggin Headwaters that support recreational access, wildlife habitat, and the working forest economy. Other guests included NH Fish and Game Executive Director Glenn Normandeau, and the U. S. Forest Service and Wildlife Service, and the Town of **Errol**. In the evening, I attended Senator Ayotte's Town Hall meeting at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 816 in **Littleton, NH**.

August 29 - Toured North Country forestry activities with State Forester Brad Simpkins, Director of the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands and others. The tour continues the tradition of the late Councilor Ray Burton's annual forestry tours. Additionally, toured Week State Park in **Lancaster**. It featured activities in Nash Stream State Forest in **Odell** including road and stream improvements, a timber harvest, camp leases and ATV trails. The day ended with a look at the forest fire protection program. UNH Cooperative Extension staff participating included Karen Bennett, Jeff Schloss, Brendan Prusik and Dave Falkenham. In evening, attended the Lancaster Fair in **Lancaster**.

August 30 - Attended a meeting in **Haverhill** with constituents.

There were many calls during the month as well as emails, please note that my email address is: joseph.kenney@nh.gov and my cell phone number is 581-8780. If you have someone or an organization that wants to be put on my email distribution list, please let me know.

Let me know what I can do to help solve your problem.

Sincerely,

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